

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Zelano on 21 October 2009

Claim 1 is amended as follows:

In line 9 of the claim, please delete "modulation" in between "wherein" and "of" and insert - - a decrease- - in between "wherein" and "or"

Claim 2 is amended as follows:

In line 2 of the claim, please delete "hRev-erba" in between "is" and "receptor" and insert - - hRev-erba- - in between "is" and "receptor"

Claim 3 is amended as follows:

In line 13 of the claim ((a) (ii)), please delete "and/or" in between "element" and "to" and insert - - or- - in between "element" and "to"

In line 16 of the claim (b), please delete "modulation" in between "the" and "of" and insert - - decrease- - in between "the" and "of"

Claims 4-8 are canceled.

Claim 9 is amended as follows:

In line 12 of the claim ((a) (ii), please delete "and/or" in between "element" and "to" and insert - - or- - in between "element" and "to"

In line 14 of the claim, please delete "optionally" in between "(b)" and "detecting"

In line 14 of the claim, please delete "modulation" in between "the" and "of" and insert - - decrease- - in between "the" and "of"

In line 18 of the claim, please delete "and/or" in between "(a)" and "(b)" and insert - - or- - in between "(a)" and "(b)"

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHULAMITH H. SHAFER whose telephone number is (571)272-3332. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

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